

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 473

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A RESOLUTION to honor Frank "Buzz" Trexler on the occasion of his retirement from *The Daily Times*.

WHEREAS, this legislative body is pleased to recognize a true gentleman and dedicated professional who provided the public with a sound and balanced perspective on the issues of the day during his thirty-seven years as a working journalist; and

WHEREAS, on November 30, 2017, Frank "Buzz" Trexler took a much-deserved retirement from his duties with *The Daily Times* after providing inspired leadership to that publication for nearly twenty-eight years, first as managing editor, then as editor; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Trexler always took a hands-on approach to journalism and embraced the new digital age of news media while remaining loyal to the tradition of print journalism; and

WHEREAS, according to management, Mr. Trexler won the affection and admiration of readers by reporting on the affairs of Blount County eloquently and elegantly, and he will be missed both personally and professionally; and

WHEREAS, a paragon of journalism, Mr. Trexler is a member of the Department of Communication Alumni Hall of Fame at East Tennessee State University; he is a longtime member of the Tennessee Press Association's Governmental Affairs Committee and also served as president of Tennessee Associated Press Managing Editors; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Trexler began his illustrious career in print journalism in September 1980, working as an education reporter at *The Johnson City Press-Chronicle* while a college senior; he became news editor of that publication's morning edition in 1983; and

WHEREAS, in January 1985, Mr. Trexler joined the staff of *The Knoxville Journal* as a copy editor and was soon promoted to wire editor; when *The Journal's* parent company

purchased *The Daily Times*, he was assigned to help direct the newsroom until a managing editor could be hired, but that temporary assignment turned out to be permanent; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Trexler became *The Daily Times*' managing editor in early 1990, a position he held until 2015, when he was named editor; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Trexler has contributed significantly to Alcoa and Blount County in many ways beyond his acumen in the newsroom, and during his retirement, he will focus on a higher calling as pastor of Green Meadow United Methodist Church, where he has faithfully served for fifteen years; and

WHEREAS, in all his endeavors, Mr. Trexler is fortunate to share the love, support, and companionship of his wife, Donna; and

WHEREAS, Frank "Buzz" Trexler has served *The Daily Times* and the good people of Blount County with acumen and integrity as a journalist and a citizen, and he should be recognized on the special occasion of his retirement; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor Frank "Buzz" Trexler for his longstanding commitment to quality journalism as managing editor and editor of *The Daily Times*, commend his exemplary service to Blount County and the congregation of Green Meadow United Methodist Church, and extend to him our best wishes for much continued success and happiness in the years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.